

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3919
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised regarding the need to extend the applicability of statutory provisions governing homestead preservation districts and reinvestment zones to certain municipalities to give those municipalities tools to prevent the displacement of low income residents. H.B. 3919 seeks to assist certain municipalities in addressing this issue by providing for the applicability of those provisions.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3919 amends the Local Government Code to extend the applicability of statutory provisions governing homestead preservation districts and reinvestment zones to a municipality with a population of two million or more. The bill requires an area, to be designated as a homestead preservation district within such a municipality, to be composed of census tracts forming a spatially compact area and requires the governing body of the municipality to make findings by resolution that low income and moderate income homeowners within the area are at risk of losing their homesteads through displacement, the area will benefit from the inclusion of low income households, and the designation will serve one or more applicable purposes.

H.B. 3919 repeals Section 373A.203(6), Local Government Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.